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### **Rep. Considine Introduces Industrial Hemp Bill**

**Madison**—Today, Representative Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) was proud to announce his introduction of LRB-1692, legislation to create a state licensing process for the production of industrial hemp in Wisconsin.

“Hemp has a long history of agricultural production in North America, including right here in Wisconsin,” Rep. Considine stated. “Our state’s hemp industry thrived back in World War II, but then disappeared in the 1950s, partly because of misconceptions about its use. Given that so many other states now have statutes supporting industrial hemp for commercial or research purposes, it is critical that Wisconsin be proactive on this issue.”

The bill would not change federal law regarding industrial hemp production. It is supported by a bipartisan group of co-sponsors in both the Assembly and the Senate, including Representative Chris Danou (D-Trempealeau), who serves with Rep. Considine on the Assembly Committee on Agriculture.

“In the midst of such a serious budget deficit and lagging job growth, we need to work together to find ways to improve our state’s fiscal situation. Industrial hemp is an ideal opportunity to do this. The estimated U.S. market for imported hemp products was \$36.9 million in 2013 – a six fold increase from 2005. Clearly, industrial hemp has major potential to build and strengthen Wisconsin’s economy and create jobs in rural communities,” Rep. Danou said.

Industrial hemp is already supported in the statutes of twenty other U.S. states, as well as neighboring Canada.

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## 2015 BILL

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 961.55 (8); and *to create* 20.115 (7) (gc), 94.55,  
2           961.32 (3) and 961.55 (8) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** growing and  
3           processing industrial hemp, granting rule-making authority, and making an  
4           appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law places various restrictions on the possession, manufacture, and delivery of controlled substances. One such controlled substance is tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), including THC contained in or obtained from marijuana. The controlled substances law defines marijuana as all parts of plants of the genus *Cannabis*, whether growing or not, and most derivatives or preparations of the plants (though it does not include, for instance, fiber produced from the stalks or oil made from the seeds of the plants). THC is currently placed in the most restrictive category of controlled substances, which means it may not be prescribed for medical use and may be manufactured and possessed only for particular purposes (such as research) under special permits.

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to issue licenses that authorize the growing and processing of industrial hemp. Industrial hemp is defined as the plant *Cannabis sativa* with no more than 0.3 percent THC. The bill requires an applicant for a license to provide a legal description of the land on which industrial hemp will be grown or processed and to pay a fee for the license. It also requires DATCP to obtain a criminal history search from the state Department of Justice for each applicant and prohibits DATCP

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from issuing a license to a person if the criminal history search shows the person has been convicted of violating the controlled substances law. The bill requires reporting by a person with an industrial hemp license, including reporting all sales of industrial hemp. The bill also requires DATCP to promulgate rules for the administration of the licensing law.

This bill also creates an exemption from the controlled substances law for growing or processing industrial hemp in conformity with a license issued by DATCP.

This bill does not change federal law. Growing and possessing the plant *Cannabis* is generally prohibited by federal law. The 2014 federal farm bill, 7 USC 5940, authorizes a state agriculture department or an institution of higher education to grow industrial hemp for research purposes, if the state's laws allow the growing of industrial hemp.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

1           **SECTION 1.** 20.115 (7) (gc) of the statutes is created to read:

2           20.115 (7) (gc) *Industrial hemp.* All moneys received under s. 94.55 for  
3 regulation of growing and processing industrial hemp under s. 94.55.

4           **SECTION 2.** 94.55 of the statutes is created to read:

5           **94.55 Industrial hemp. (1) DEFINITION.** In this section, "industrial hemp"  
6 means the plant *Cannabis sativa* having no more than 0.3 percent  
7 tetrahydrocannabinol, including the seeds of that plant.

8           **(2) LICENSING. (a)** The department shall issue licenses that authorize growing,  
9 processing, and, in conjunction with growing or processing, selling industrial hemp  
10 for commercial purposes or research.

11           **(b)** A person applying for a license under this subsection shall provide the name  
12 and address of the applicant and the legal description of the land on which industrial  
13 hemp will be grown or processed and shall pay a fee equal to \$150 or, if the person

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1 will grow industrial hemp, the greater of \$150 or \$5 multiplied by the number of acres  
2 on which the person will grow industrial hemp.

3 (c) 1. The department shall obtain a criminal history search from the records  
4 maintained by the department of justice for each person applying for initial licensure  
5 under this subsection.

6 2. The department may not issue a license if the person has ever been convicted  
7 of a violation of ch. 961 as indicated in the information obtained under subd. 1.

8 3. Information obtained by the department under subd. 1. is confidential and  
9 may be used only to determine eligibility for licensure.

10 (d) A license issued under this subsection is valid for one year.

11 (3) DOCUMENTATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. (a) A licensee under sub. (2)  
12 who grows industrial hemp shall provide all of the following to the department:

13 1. Documentation showing that the seeds planted were of a variety certified to  
14 have no more than 0.3 percent tetrahydrocannabinol.

15 2. A copy of any contract under which the licensee grows industrial hemp.

16 (b) A licensee under sub. (2) shall report to the department the name and  
17 address of each person to whom the licensee sells industrial hemp and the amount  
18 of industrial hemp sold to each person.

19 (4) AUTHORITY TO IMPORT AND SELL SEED. A person licensed under sub. (2) may  
20 bring into this state and resell seed of varieties of industrial hemp that are certified  
21 to have no more than 0.3 percent tetrahydrocannabinol.

22 (5) RULES. The department shall promulgate rules for the administration of  
23 this section including rules concerning all of the following:

24 (a) Certifying industrial hemp seeds.

25 (b) Testing plants during growth for tetrahydrocannabinol levels.

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1 (c) Supervising the growing, harvesting, and processing of industrial hemp.

2 **SECTION 3.** 961.32 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

3 961.32 (3) (a) In this subsection, “industrial hemp” has the meaning given in  
4 s. 94.55 (1).

5 (b) A person licensed by the department of agriculture, trade and consumer  
6 protection under s. 94.55 (2), and an agent or employee of the person acting in the  
7 usual course of the agent’s or employee’s business or employment, may plant,  
8 cultivate, grow, harvest, process, possess, and deliver industrial hemp in this state  
9 to the extent authorized by the person’s license and in conformity with s. 94.55 and  
10 the rules promulgated under that section.

11 **SECTION 4.** 961.55 (8) of the statutes is renumbered 961.55 (8) (intro.) and  
12 amended to read:

13 961.55 (8) (intro.) The failure, upon demand by any officer or employee  
14 designated in s. 961.51 (1) or (2), of the person in occupancy or in control of land or  
15 premises upon which the species of plants are growing or being stored, to produce an  
16 one of the following constitutes authority for the seizure and forfeiture of the plants  
17 described in sub. (7):

18 (a) An appropriate federal registration, or proof that the person is the holder  
19 thereof, ~~constitutes authority for the seizure and forfeiture of the plants.~~

20 **SECTION 5.** 961.55 (8) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

21 961.55 (8) (b) Evidence of licensure under s. 94.55.

22 (END)



# INDUSTRIAL HEMP

hemp fiber. hemp hurd. hemp seed

known to have over

# 50,000

different uses...

## Hemp Facts

### Industrial Hemp

contains less than  
**1% THC**

(Tetrahydrocannabinoids)

Hemp is not a drug.  
Hemp is not Marijuana.

### Hemp is a RESOURCE

Hemp fiber is the **STRONGEST**  
**NATURAL FIBER** in the world.

**20** years  
for trees to mature  
**versus**  
**4** mths  
for hemp

Hemp can yield 3-8 dry tons of  
fiber per acre. **FOUR TIMES** what  
an average forest can yield.

Both the Magna Carta the  
Gutenberg Bible, and even first  
drafts of the Constitution were  
printed on hemp fiber paper.



Paper, fertilizers, soil  
retainers, and animal  
bedding can be made  
from leftover waste  
when processing hemp.

This means **ALL** parts of  
the plant are being used,  
or put back into the earth.

**1 acre of hemp** = **1,000** gals.  
of methanol

1941 Ford motor company produced  
an experimental automobile with a plastic  
body composed of 70% cellulose fibers  
from hemp. The car body could absorb  
blows 10x as great as steel without  
denting. The car was designed to run on  
hemp fuel. Because of the ban on both  
hemp the car was never mass produced.

Anything made out of cotton, timber,  
or petroleum can be made out of hemp.

Hemp seeds contain nutritious  
**polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs)** 80%  
the highest amount found  
within the plant kingdom.

**Highly Nutritional** for  
both humans & animals.

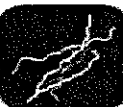
contains rare fatty acid  
**Gamma-linolenic**  
proven to help treat...

- Arthritis
- Neurodermatitis
- Premenstrual Syndrome

No other single plant source provides  
complete protein in such an easy/  
digestible form, nor has the oil  
essential to life in as perfect a ratio for  
human health and vitality.

Herbal Research & Development Institute

## Fibers



the outer bast  
fibers of the  
stalk usually  
made into  
long strands.

Hemp  
cultivation  
requires no  
chemicals,  
pesticides  
or herbicides.

## Hurds



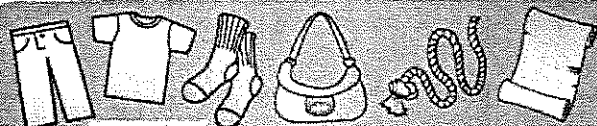
leftover pieces  
of stem and  
stalk made into  
small, chunk  
form pieces.

Hemp can be  
dated back more  
than 10,000 years.  
The Columbia  
History of the World  
states that the oldest  
relic of human  
industry is a bit of  
hemp fabric that  
dates back to  
approximately  
8,000 B.C.

## Seeds & Oil



hemp seeds  
can be used  
both raw and  
for the oils  
they produce.



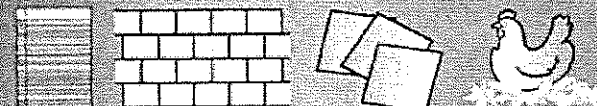
can replace

Textiles • Any Cotton Based Products • Rope • Canvas • Cording



can replace

Insulation • Almost all molded Plastics & Fiberglass • Acrylics  
combined with hemp hurds



Paper  
Products

can replace

Cement & many  
building materials  
combined with hemp fibers

can replace

Almost all molded  
fibers & plastics  
combined with hemp fibers

Animal bedding  
& soil amendment

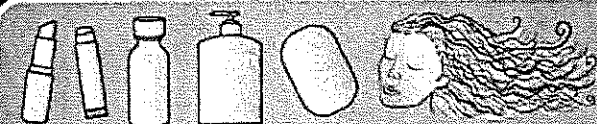
through a heat  
process called  
**Pyrolysis**

# GASOLINE!!

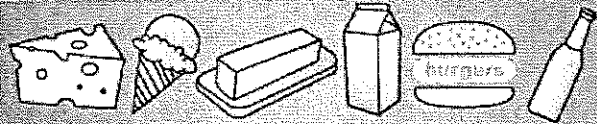
This hemp **Ethanol**  
biomass **Methanol**  
can also make **Methane Gas**

**HEMP BIOMASS CAN CREATE ELECTRICITY**

Hemp hurds can produce ten tons of biomass per acre every  
4 months. Enough biomass could be produced on 6% of US  
land mass to provide energy for the entire country.



cosmetic and beauty items • great for skin & hair health



dairy products, butter, milk • burger patties • many other foods • **BEER**

- histamine • serotonin
- leucine • lysine
- methionine • threonine
- tryptophan • valine

# P

# B.C.D.



contains all nine essential amino acids • large amounts of protein • vitamins A, B, C, & D • medicinal purposes